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Detroit Free Press columnist Bob Talbert is master of ceremonies each year for the show. Some of this year's judges included Barbara Koster, associate producer at WXYZ-TV; Arlene Koenig, lecturer-teacher of vocal usic at Oakland University; Dr. Von

music at Oakland University; Dr. Von Washington, professor for the Black Theater, Wayne State University and Candy McKenzie, supervisor at Arthur «Murray Dance Studio. There were 19 acts this year, ranging from solos to groups, with a dozen or seartisipant.

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Katie sang two solos, "Matchmaker"
from Fiddler on the Roof and the
theme from "Mahogany."
For the past three years, Katie has
been attending the Far Conservatory in

Birmingham where performing and fine arts are taught to the mentally retarded and handicapped.

"Katie took some folk dancing, but the state of the state took some folk dancing, but the state took some folk dancing." singing is really her thing," Neva says.
"She likes popular songs, but her
teacher tries to get her into other types
of music for diversity. Her aim now is to

get more into dancing so she can com-pete in that category, too."

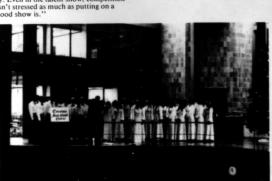
Being mentally retarded means living a restricted life. That's why Neva enroll-ed Katie in the Far Conservatory.

"Katie is sharp enough to know what she is missing." Neva says. "I heard about the Conservatory and enrolled her because it's such a wonderful opportuni-ty. Even in the talent show, competition isn't stressed as much as putting on a good show is."



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Some carolers from the Avondale High School Madrigal Chorus.



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